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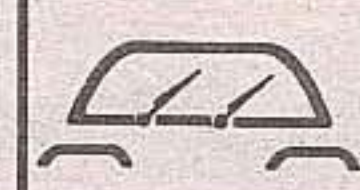
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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Man convicted

■ A Georgetown man was fined \$24,289 in Milton court Monday after he pleaded guilty to three counts of personal income tax invasion.

Roger Stopford, a hi-tech engineering executive, has to pay the fine within 30 days or he faces a 45-day jail term.

Revenue Canada reports the fine represents 100 per cent of the federal income taxes evaded by Stopford during the taxation years 1994 to 1996.

Revenue Canada's investigation revealed that Stopford failed to report \$101,370 in income originating from stock options, \$83,776 of that amount was taxable. Tax evaders have to pay back the taxes evaded plus interest and penalties, in addition to the fine imposed by the court.

Field damaged

■ A soccer field at Argyll Rd. and Eighth Line was damaged sometime Saturday night or Sunday morning when someone drove a bulldozer on it. The bulldozer, which had been parked nearby, was left on the field.

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Be-leaf it! Fall is a blast

Jeremy, Coriander and Joshua Stevens jumped right into the spirit of fall. They gathered up leaves from their yard and from their neighbor's yard to make a giant leaf pile that proved to be the perfect playground. Photo by Herb Garbutt

Two Acton schools under review for closure

Majority of local schools will avoid board axe

Thirty-eight Halton public schools will probably be removed from the school closure review list at the next board meeting. But trustees warn there may still be upheaval at these schools.

"If they're removed from the list, the schools will stay open," said Halton Hills Trustee and board chair Ethel Gardiner. "But boundaries may change, enrolment may change and configurations may change."

Gardiner made the observation at Thursday's meeting of the Halton District School Board accommodation management committee. The committee voted 7-0 to approve two staff recommendations removing 38 schools from the closure review list.

The recommendations now will be considered at the October 28 full board meeting for final approval. Four additional trustees absent from the committee meeting

can vote then.

The board must eliminate a school surplus of 6,773 pupil places by year's end to ensure provincial funding for new schools. Final decisions are expected by Dec. 16.

Assistant superintendent Gary Sadler confirmed all Halton public schools will still be subject to boundary alignments and potential reconfiguration.

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